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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN NETHERLANDS ARMED FORCES

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1. NATO SYG LUNS IN INTERVIEW ON DUTCH TV SEPTEMBER 29 SAID
PLANS FOR REDUCTION IN NETHERLANDS NAVY JEOPARDIZED WESTERN
SECURITY AND COULD SET DANGEROUS PRECEDENT. NATO PARTNERS FIND
DUTCH ECONOMIC ARGUMENTS FOR CUT UNACCEPTABLE, ACCORDING TO LUNS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, HE POINTED OUT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES FACE
SIMILAR OR WORSE PROBLEMS, BUT HAVE NOT RESORTED TO DEFENSE
CUTS.

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2. CHARACTERIZING THE PLAN TO LAY-UP THE ZEVEN PROVINCIEEN AND

TO GROUND DUTCH MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT AS ONLY BEING THE TIP
OF THE ICEBERG, LUNS SAID THAT GON INTENDED TO LOP SOME 250
MILLION GULDERS OFF DEFENSE BUDGET IN EACH OF NEXT SEVERAL
YEARS. MANY NATO GOVERNMENTS FEAR DUTCH ACTIONS WILL BE CATALYST
FOR PRESSURE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES TO MAKE SIMILAR CUTS. RESULT
WOULD BE FOR US TO CARRY AN EVEN HEAVIER BURDEN.
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